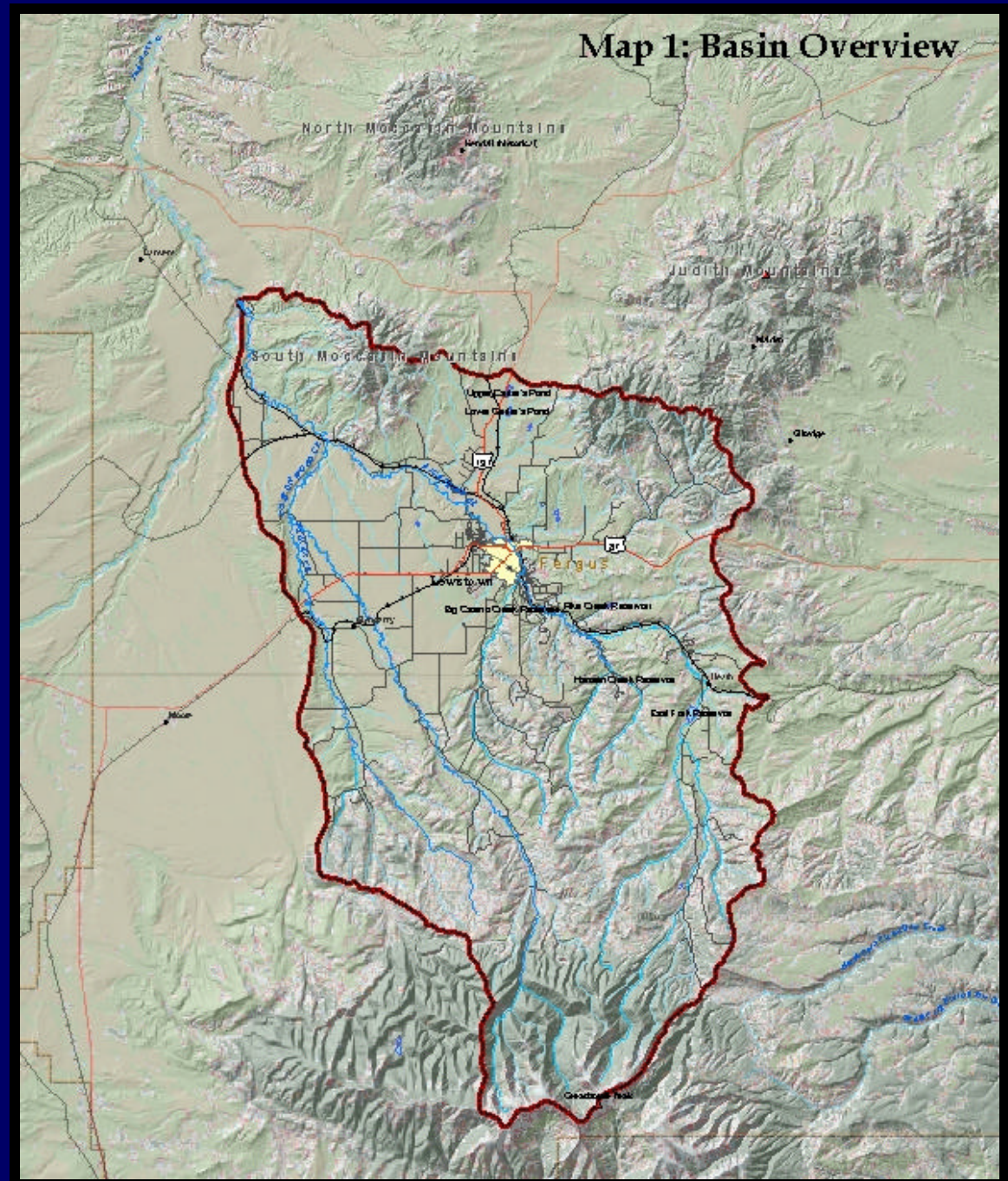
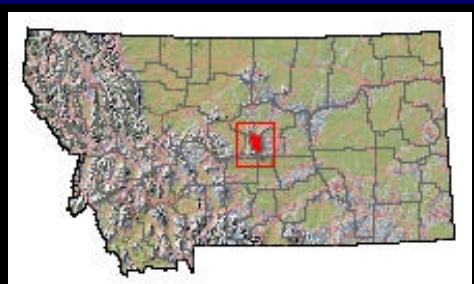




BIG SPRING CREEK WATERSHED

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BIG SPRING CREEK FISH HATCHERY



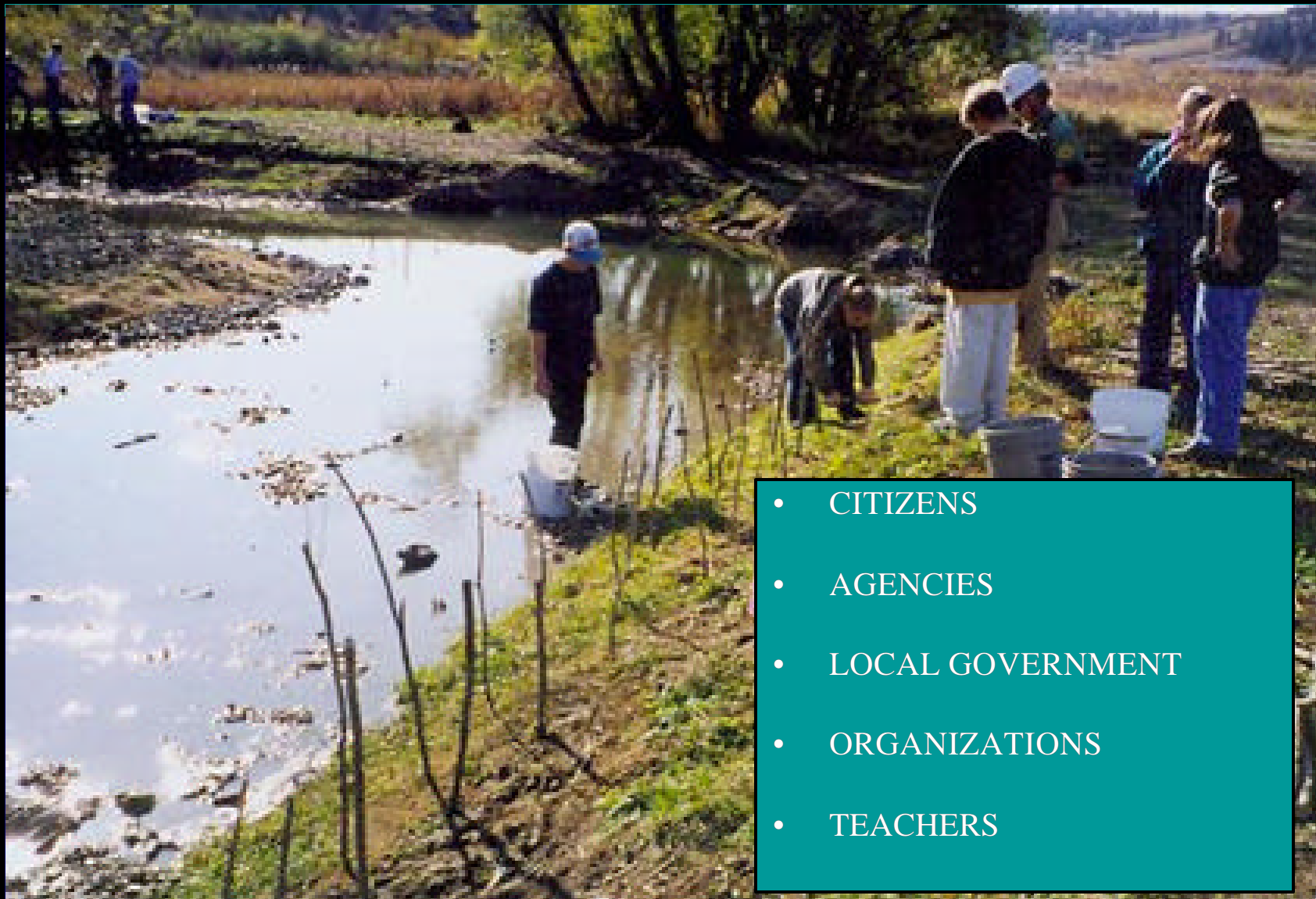


BIG SPRING CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

ORGANIZATION AND HISTORY:

- FORMED IN 1996
- INITIAL FOCUS
- STAKEHOLDERS
- ISSUES AND CONCERNS

BIG SPRING CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP



- CITIZENS
- AGENCIES
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- ORGANIZATIONS
- TEACHERS



INITIAL FOCUS

- WATER QUALITY-NPS POLLUTION
- 319 PROJECT –DEQ
- EQIP/NRCS, FWP, DNRC FUNDS
- STREAMBANK EROSION
- RIPARIAN IMPROVEMENT
- AGRICULTURE OPERATORS

URBAN ISSUES

- GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT
- STREAM RESTORATION/DAYLIGHTING
- DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION



EMERGING ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE

- QUALITY OF LIFE
- TRAILS—RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY
- RECLAMATION/REDEVELOPMENT
- RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES





BIG SPRING CREEK BREWERY FLATS

EARLY 1900s



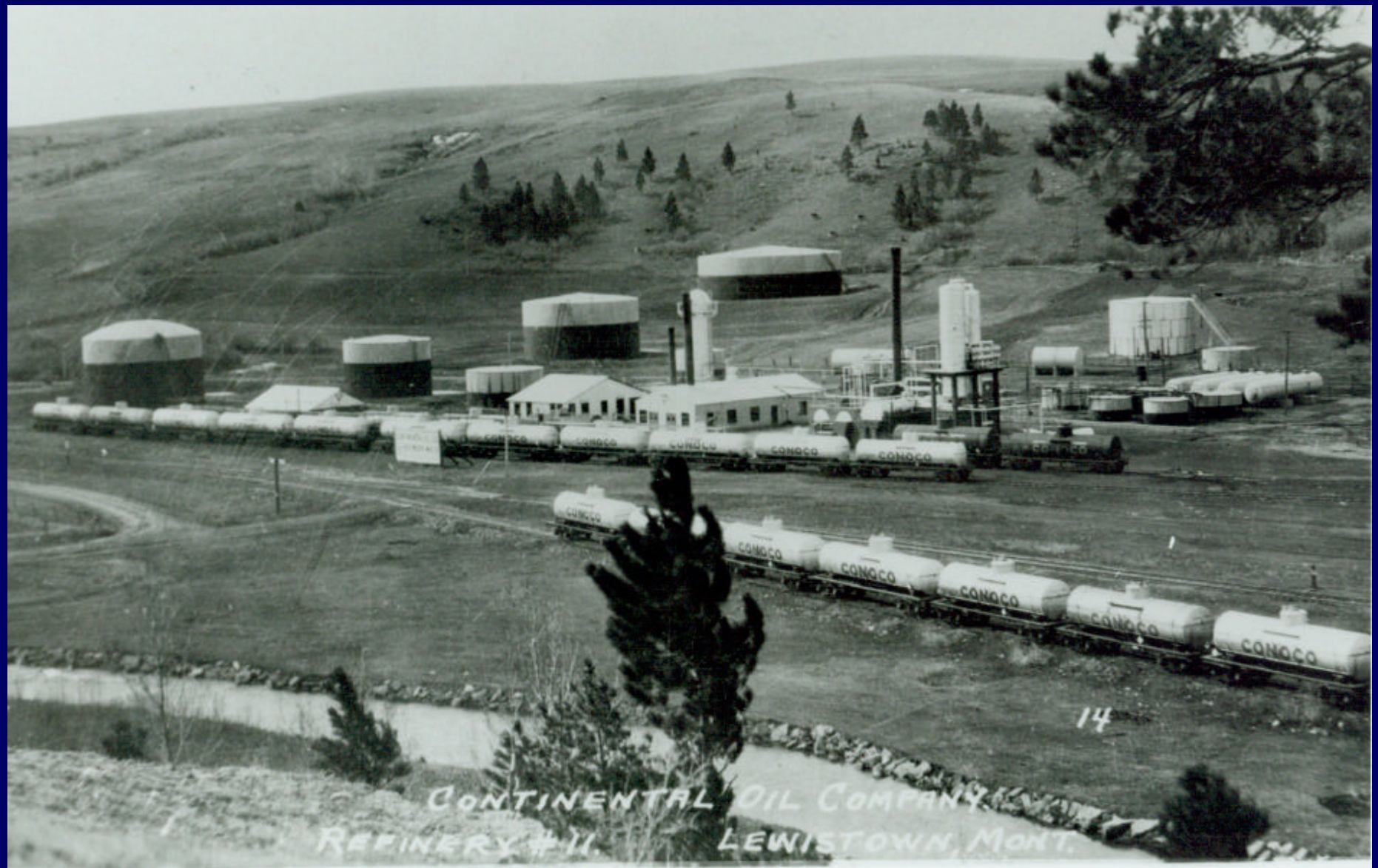
BREWERY FLATS RAILYARD

EARLY 1900s



CONTINENTAL OIL REFINERY

CIRCA 1945



RECLAMATION OF INDUSTRIAL SITE



ROUND-HOUSE DEMOLITION



BREWERY FLATS MASTER TRAIL PLAN



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

BREWERY FLATS TRAILS

The Brewery Flats Trail is currently one mile long and has 22 stations along the route. This guide can help you identify and appreciate some of the plants along the rich and diverse stream/ riparian ecosystem. You will also learn about some of the history of Big Spring Creek and the floodplain in this area.



Aerial view looking south of the Brewery Flats area showing the new stream channel.



WORKING TO PROTECT

Birds Of Brewery Flats



Male Red-winged Blackbird

The birds pictured in this brochure are not all the most commonly seen species, but because of their bright plumage or interesting niche, they have been shown. The list of birds includes species that have been observed in the area; however, this does not mean that the list is complete. Keep your eyes and ears open for the variety of species that call Brewery Flats home!

A complete list of the birds seen at Brewery Flats is included on the last two pages of this brochure.

TRAILS FOR LEWISTOWN

Are you a trail user? Do you walk regularly for exercise or recreation? If you do, you are part of a growing population that uses a Trail network. TRAILS are becoming increasingly popular in communities across the U.S.. A recent survey by the National Association of Homebuilders(NAHB) shows that nearby access to TRAILS is one of the most important factors that influence homebuyers. Additionally, property values and sales opportunities increase for homes that are adjacent or close to TRAILS.

PRESENT

The existing TRAILS in Lewistown at BREWERY FLATS, CHOKECHERRY TRAIL, ROBINSON PARK and AIRPORT TRAIL have been developed through the efforts of the Trail Committee of the Big Spring Creek Watershed Partnership, City of Lewistown, private citizens and local businesses. These TRAILS are very popular and are being used by an increasing number of citizens.

Lewistown Trail System - Existing Trails



FUTURE

With the announcement by BN/Sante Fe Railroad that they are leaving Lewistown, there is an opportunity for RAILS TO TRAILS as has been done by hundreds of communities across the country. This would provide a means to LINK the existing TRAILS and connect the Junior High School, Garfield School, and Veterans Park. This network of TRAILS would provide unsurpassed opportunities for area citizens, school kids and teachers, and visitors to Lewistown. Walking exercise is increasingly being advocated for our senior citizens to promote healthy aging. Having a network of TRAILS through Lewistown will enhance the QUALITY of LIFE and HEALTHY AGING for area citizens and visitors.



CONCEPT MASTER PLAN: LEWISTOWN TRAILS



LEGEND

- Existing Trail
- Schematic Route No. 1
- Schematic Route No. 2
- Schematic Route No. 3
- Schematic Route No. 4
- Schematic Route No. 5
- Link Route
- Underpass
- Linking Feature
- Trailhead
- Brewery Flats, See Sheet 1

